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STATUS INQUIRY

The above-identified application was filed on October 3, 2003. An Updated Filing Receipt in this case was mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 5, 2004 and received on May 7, 2004. Three Information Disclosure Statements have been filed by Applicants: the first on May 12, 2004, the second on August 18, 2004, and the third on November 3, 2004.

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More than 31 months have passed since the filing of this application and 24 months have passed since the last communication from the USPTO, the Updated Filing Receipt of May 5, 2004. According to our records, no action on the merits has yet been received.

Please advise the undersigned of the present status of this application as currently indicated in the USPTO files by checking the appropriate box below:

STATUS INQUIRY REPLY

APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/678,469 IS CURRENTLY

ASSIGNED TO GROUP 1764 AND AWAITS:

☐ ACTION BY THE EXAMINER.

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